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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4797

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

1. PRINCIPAL OFFICER LUBUMBASHI REPORTED VIA E&E NET THAT HE RECEIVED IN TODAY'S MAIL (JUNE 5) ANONYMOUS PRINTED LETTER POSTMARKED JUNE 4 IN FRENCH DEMANDING 25,000 ZAIRES (APPROXIMATELY \$50,000) TO BE PAID BEFORE JUNE 6 IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THE SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE OF HUNTER, SMITH AND BERGMAN.

2. NOTE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE KIDNAPPED VICTIMS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO LIVE BEYOND JUNE 10 AND SUGGESTED PARENTS COME UP WITH THE RANSOM MONEY. THE AUTHOR OF THE NOTE STATED HE WOULD MAKE FURTHER CONTACT WITH CONSUL MARKS LATER TODAY.

3. IT MARKS' JUDGEMENT THAT APPROACH PROBABLY NOT "REAL THING." I HAD MARKS INSTRUCTED TO PLAY FOR TIME IF CONTACTED, TO SEEK SOME PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AUTHOR AND CAPTIVES AND TO ENDEAVOR IDENTIFY CONTACT. IF CONTACT MADE
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DURING WORKING HOURS, MARKS WILL CONTACT EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY.

IF NOT, AT 0800 LOCAL TIME JUNE 6. HINTON

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